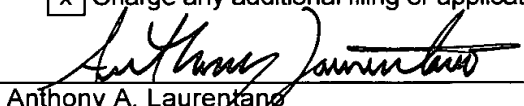
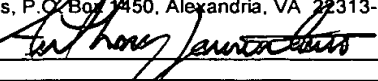




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Applicant(s): Hiroshi Akita					
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2003 (Paper No. 8), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawings is attached following page 12 of this paper.

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